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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALDAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C.; G. GEORGE SMITH & CO., Cornhill; GOLSON & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E.C.; HAWTHORN & CO., Walbrook, E.C.; SAMSON, BRADON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street; W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.; ROBERT WATSON, 130, Fleet Street.

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SEASON 1890-1891.



BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO., Ltd.  
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

WE have received our New Season's imports direct from the best Growers in England, France and Germany, and are now prepared to execute all orders received for some with prompt and careful attention.

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ORDERS FROM ONE PERSON \$5 TO \$10 ALLOWED 25 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.  
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SINGLE PACKETS AT LIST PRICES.

WATSON'S PATENT DRYING BOTTLES.

By the use of these Bottles, SEEDS, and GOODS of all kinds, that are susceptible to the destroying influence of moisture can be kept in good condition everywhere.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, September, 1890. 1655

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$2,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$550,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 49, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to e had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:  
Fixed for 12 months, 6 per cent. per annum;  
" " 3 " 3 " 2 " 2 "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. BUTTER, Manager.  
Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 754

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION:

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$8,168,062.50  
RESERVE FUND, \$5,482,127.20  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$8,168,062.50  
PROTECTOR.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:  
Chairman—R. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.  
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LONDON BANKERS: London and County  
Bank.

HONGKONG:  
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum;  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 11, 1890. 363

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN HUGHES LEWIS is here-  
by authorised to sign our firm for  
Procuration from this date.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
Hongkong, October 9, 1890. 1758

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

IN RE UNPAID CALLS.

FINAL NOTICE.

HOLDERS OF SHARES on which the  
Call of (\$4) Four Dollars per Share  
has been paid, are hereby notified, that unless  
the said Call, together with INTEREST  
thereon at the Rate of 12% per Annum be  
PAID to the Undersigned, 6, Ice House  
Lane, on or before 15th October, 1890, the  
said Shares will be liable to be FORFEIT-  
ED, and under the Provisions of Section X  
Subsection VIII of the Company's Articles  
of Association, the Board will pass the necessary  
Resolution for the forfeiture of  
such Shares.

By Order of the Directors,  
CHAS. F. HARTON,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 2, 1890. 1719

THE HOTEL MARINA.

THIS Strictly FIRST-CLASS HOTEL,  
now located in the Harbor of Victoria,  
offers Guests exceptional advantages for  
Healthfulness and Refreshing Breeze; the  
avoidance of street noises and unwholesome  
odors, &c.

Grand Promenade Deck, airy Dining  
Room, Ladies' Parlour, Billiard and Read-  
ing Rooms, Commercial Bedrooms, with  
separate Bath-Room and Verandah to each.

The HOTEL LANTING runs regularly to and  
from Pudong's Wharf and the Hotel, Free  
of Charge—for Time Table see Bills.

Hongkong, July 23, 1890. 1307

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SECOND CALL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified  
that a SECOND CALL of (\$2) Two  
Dollars per Share, is PAYABLE at the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-  
TION, Hongkong, on or before the 1st  
November, 1890.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
CHAS. F. HARTON,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, September 30, 1890. 1713

THE IMURIS MINES, LIMITED.

THE FINAL CALL of Five Shillings  
per Share will be due on the First  
of November, 1890, and SHAREHOLDERS are  
requested to pay the same to the Under-  
signed by BANK DEMAND DRAFT on London  
in favor of ourselves, or in favor of that date.

ALL CALLS UNPAID on the 1st November,  
will be liable to INTEREST at the Rate of  
Eight PER CENT. per Annum.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1890. 1689

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,  
Chromatist, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
METHODOLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VIGORLAND'S CELEBRATED  
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS.

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE.

Christofle & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

DIAMOND'S

AND

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London  
Patterns, at very moderate prices. 742

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of SEVEN DOLLARS per  
Share for the year 1889 will be Payable  
on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at  
the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 13, 1890. 1770

Business Notices.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

**AUTUMN & WINTER HOSIERY,  
AND  
Gentlemen's Outfitting Goods.**

WOOL, CASHMERE AND MERINO PANTS AND UNDERSHIRTS.

WOOL, CASHMERE AND MERINO HALF-HOSE.

ROWING and FOOTBALL JERSEYS and SWEATERS.

OXFORD TWILL, FRENCH PRINT and CALCUTTA SHIRTINGS.

CARDIGAN JACKETS and FANCY KNITTED VESTS.

TENNIS JERSEYS and SHIRTS.

DESSING GOWNS, TRAVELLING RUGS, SHAWL WRAPS.

COLLARS, TIES, SCARVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, BELTS.

DRESS SHIRTS, TIES and SOCKS.

TENNIS BATS, BALLS, NETS, SHOES, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, October 9, 1890. 1754

**MARINE HOTEL,** HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, that

THE MARINE HOTEL is NOW OPEN.

THIS FIRST-SALAS HOTEL is situated on the Praya Wat, opposite the Old P.

O. WHARF, and is newly built after the designs of the LARGEST EUROPEAN HOTELS—the BEDROOMS, BATH-ROOMS, &c., are commodious, well Ventilated and well Furnished, and are suitable for Single or Married Persons. The DINING ROOM is large and looks on the Harbour.

The TABLE D'HOTE will be supplied with the best the market can provide.

The BAR and BILLIARD ROOMS are on the Ground Floor, and are fitted up in superior style. ENGLISH and AMERICAN TABLES.

WINEs and LIQUORS of the best qualities and Boards only will be supplied.

JAS. EDWARDS, Proprietor. 1437

ROBERT LANG & CO.

Hongkong, July 28, 1890. 1324

**NEW HATS.**

CHRISTY'S AND HEATH'S BLACK, BROWN AND GREY FELT HATS.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE TERAI AND OTHER SOFT FELTS.

BEST ENGLISH-MADE STRAW HATS.

## Intimations.

NOTIFICATION—No. 000.  
BRITISH NORTH BORNEO AND  
LAUAN.

## REVENUE FARMS FOR 1891.

THE GOVERNMENT are prepared to receive THE DUTIES for the following FARMS for 1891:

1. *The Opium Farm*.—Including the sole right to import raw or manufactured Opium for consumption in the Colony of Labuan and its Dependencies, and in the State or District of British North Borneo to which the Farms applies, and to pro and sell and/or to license others to prepare and sell Opium, Chaulmoogra, and Opium Drugs.

The Regulations giving the Farms are contained in Labuan Ordinance No. II, of 1873; adopted in British North Borneo, and in Notification No. 111 of 1889.

The Maximum retail price allowed by the Regulations are as follows:

Taels.	Chees.	Hongs.	8 c.
6	3	0	10.00
3	2	0	5.00
0	1	2	1.00
0	2	0	0.50
0	1	0	0.10
0	0	1	0.02
1 Ball	...	40.00	

2. *The Spirit Farm*.—Including the sole right to import and to sell and/or to license others to import and sell Chinese Wines and Spirits and Chinese Manufacture and the sole right to sell and to issue retail and wholesale licences to sell other Wines, Beer and Spirits Liquors.

The Farm is governed by Proclamations No. III, of 1889, and III, of 1888.

3. *The Pawnbroking Farm*.—Including the sole right to keep and/or to license others to keep Gambling houses, and to issue permits to Gamble.

The Farm is governed by Proclamations No. II, of 1889, and No. 1889 and Notification No. 108 of 1889. It does not extend to Labuan.

4. *The Gambling Restriction Farm*.—Including the sole right to keep and/or to license others to keep Gambling houses, and to issue permits to Gamble.

The Farm is governed by Proclamations No. II, of 1889, and No. 1889 and Notification No. 108 of 1889. It does not extend to Labuan.

5. *The Customs Farm*.—Including the sole right to collect all Import and Export Duties, payable to the Government, viz.—On the East Coast—Excise Duties on Kattan, Gutta, Wax, Birds-nest, Timber, and all jungle and sea produce; Import Duties on Tobacco, Spirit, Salt and Matches. On the West Coast—Export Duties on all jungle and sea produce, the same as for East Coast District; Import Duties on Salt, Spirit, Tobacco, Matches, Iron, Brass and Copper.

A separate Tender must be submitted for each of the above Farms.

Each tender may be for one or more of the following Districts or places, and if the Farm of more than one of the Districts or places mentioned is applied for, a separate Tender should be submitted for each District or place viz.—

1. The whole State of British North Borneo, extending from Sipitong River in Padus Bay on the West Coast to Sibucu Bay on the East Coast, and also the Colony of Labuan and its Dependencies, as regards the Opium Farm only.

2. The East Coast District from Tanjung Iarutang to Sibucu Bay, including Darvel, Lubuk, Sugat, and Sandakan Bay, Kinabatangan, Segama and all rivers within the District.

3. The Simporna District from Simporna to Batu Pengat.

4. The West Coast District; from Tanjung Iarutang on the North to Sipitong on the south, including Langkay and Balambangan Islands and also the Colony of Labuan as regards Opium only.

5. *Kudat District*.—From Tanjung Iarutang to Sampanganjio Point including all Rivers in Marudu Bay and the Islands of Banuary and Balambangan.

6. *Gaya District*.—From Sampanganjio Point to Banaway River, including Tampassak, Afai, Ambong, Sulamus, Taweh, Gaya, Bay, Putalau, Papar, Kinabau and all Rivers south to and including Banaway.

7. *Padas District*.—From Kuala Penyu to Sinduuk, including Klias, Padis-Damit and Padas Basar and all Rivers south to and including Sipitong; also including the Colony of Labuan as regards Opium only.

8. *The Colony of Labuan and its Dependencies*.—For the Opium Farm only. Each Tender should state the monthly payments for the year 1891.

Tenders for the Opium Farm for the whole State, and the Colony of Labuan or for the East Coast District, and for the Spirit, Pawnbroking, Gambling Restriction and Customs Farms, East Coast or Sandakan, will be received by the GOVERNMENT SECRETARY, Sandakan, on or before 30th NOVEMBER, 1890. All Tenders should be under Seal and marked "Confidential Tender for Revenue Farm."

Tenders for the Farms for separate Provinces, such as Kudat, Gaya, Padas, Darvel Bay or Labuan will be received by the OFFICE-IN-CHARGE of the Province or Colony on or before 15th of November.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Each Tender should specify in full the Names, Residences, and occupation of the Persons tendering, and should give similar information as to the proposed securities.

Persons who do not wish to Tenders in their own Names may use a number of not less than 3 figures; but those doing so should send their true Names with the number used in a separate Envelope marked "Private" to the Governor or Government House.

All Tenders are subject to the Laws and Regulations now in force, or which may from time to time be enacted or issued by Government concerning the same.

Any further information on the subject may be obtained from the Treasurer-General, Sandakan, or from the Officer-in-Charge of the different Districts or Stations and from the Company's Agents in Singapore or Hongkong.

By His Excellency's Command,  
L. P. BEAUFORT,  
Government Secretary.

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Sandakan, 21st September, 1890.

NOW READY.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECTION CHINESE; with special references to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION AND BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN HONGKONG.

Copies may be had at the CHONG MEE Office, and at MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,—Price, 70 cents.

## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

G. RAGIE PLAISTED'S  
MY SWEETHEART  
COMPANY.

THURSDAY, 16th October.  
THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

SATURDAY, 18th October,  
Donizetti's Comedy Opera,  
LA FIGLIA DEL REGGIMENTO.

Box Play at MEERS KELLY & WALSH'S.  
CHAS. HARDING,  
Manager.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1787

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s  
Steamship  
Rosetta.

Captain E. CHEW, will  
leave for the above place at Noon TO-  
MORROW, the 15th instant.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1789

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUL.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Halloway,

Capt. Goudall, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at  
11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1782

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Kutus,

Captain Young, will be  
despatched from above on  
FRIDAY, the 17th Inst., at Noon, instead  
of 11 a.m., as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1771

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on  
SATURDAY,

the 18th October, 1890, at 2 p.m., at his  
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE, &c.,  
comprising—

SILK DAMASK and CRETTONNE-COVERED  
DRAWING-ROOM SUITES.

MARBLE-TOP CENTRE and SIDE TABLES,  
CHIMNEY GLASSES, CONSOLE GLASSES WITH  
MARBLE-TOP STANDS and OIL PAINTINGS.

CHEPONIOL GLASS, BOOK CASES and  
WRITING TABLES.

DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD WITH MIRROR  
BACK, WHIPSNOTS; CROCKERY, GLASS and  
PLATED WARE.

TEAKWOOD and VIENNA ARM CHAIRS,  
BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS, IRON COAT,  
DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES WITH GLASS  
DOORS, CHEST OF DRAWERS, MARBLE-TOP  
TOILET TABLE and WASHSTAND.

ONE DOUBLE-BARRELED BREACH LOAD-  
ING CENTRE FIRE FOWLING PIECE,  
&c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1783

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT  
SILVER LOAN OF 1884 C.

3rd DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE and DRAWN BONDS

of this LOAN will be Payable at the  
OFFICES of the CORPORATION on and after  
the 15th Instant.

LISTS of DRAWN BONDS can be obtained  
on application to the Undersigned.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

Agents Issuing the Loan,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1783

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS:

A DIVIDEND of \$2 per Share has This  
Day been declared, being further  
Interest on Capital to 31st December, 1889,  
at the Rate of 4 Per Cent. per Annum  
(making the total Interest on Capital for  
1889 14 2).

SHAREHOLDERS may be had on application at  
the above Office on and after WEDNES-  
DAY, the 15th instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1780

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of  
Eight Shillings (\$2) per Share, will be PAID  
on the 25th instant, upon the  
Company's £213 paid-up Shares.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED  
from 17th to 28th instant (inclusive).

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1784

THE IMURIS MINES LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed  
that the CERTIFICATES for En-  
dorsement, should accompany the BANK  
DEBT sent in Payment of the FINAL  
CALL of 5/- per Share due on the 1st  
November, 1890.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1785

NOW READY.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECTION

CHINESE; with special refer-  
ences to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION AND

BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN HONGKONG.

Copies may be had at the CHONG MEE  
Office, and at MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,—Price, 70 cents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 1785

## Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.  
(LATE TUCK HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE CO., LTD.)

JUST OPENED OUT.

LADIES'

GLOVES. ALL SIZES.

ALL COLORS. ANY LENGTH.

IN FRENCH KID, GANT DE SUÈDE, AND SILK.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.  
37 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. 1748

## To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM-  
WAYS COMPANY, LTD.

WINTER TIME TABLE.  
(To take effect from 15th October.)

WEEK DAYS.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour  
12 (noon) to 2 p.m. every quarter of an hour  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m. " half hour."  
3 p.m. to 7 p.m. " quarter of an hour.

SATURDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 7.30, 10.30 p.m., and  
11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

The Emperor of China is said to have written with his own pen a prayer to the late Marquess Tseng, who was burnt after ritual before the deceased statesman's coffin.

From the *Hujo News* of the 2nd inst. we learn that at a meeting held on the 1st instant, to consider the formation of a *Kobe Amateur Dramatic Society*, Mr. G. Melchior presiding, the following resolutions were adopted:—*That the proposed Society be called the "Kobe Amateur Dramatic Society";* *That the subscription fee be 50 yen per annum;* *That instead of a standing committee a provisional committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs Melchior, Fearn, Ede, and Woolley, in order to obtain the names of members willing to support the Society on the lines drawn up at this meeting, and to draw up the necessary rules; and that when the Society is constituted a ballot be taken of the members and that they shall have the power to elect a committee to serve.*

News has been received at Surabaya from Sambas (Borneo) that tobacco growing promises to be a prominent industry there, especially on land north of the Sambas river where the country dips sufficiently to admit of thorough drainage. The tobacco grown in that quarter has, it is said, answered expectations. The mineral wealth of the land lies south of the river. Difficulties with coolies hamper planting enterprise, and will check the development of the country unless Government interferes. The Sambas Tobacco Company has already put one hundred fields under cultivation on the Serabit Estate, but the coolie trouble has delayed greater progress. Batavia commands such confidence that the Company has just raised additional capital to the amount of its £1 million of guineas.

Mr. Masuda, the well-known diver of Yokohama, has undertaken to go down to the *Ertougroul*, and to rescue any bodies which have caught in the rigging, or which are still imprisoned in the two decks. He is already at Oshima, whether he went in the *Yaeama-kai*, and he writes that the bottom of the sea there is very uneven, the depth of water varying greatly. The *Ertougroul* is lying in 40 fathoms of water, and, providing he is favoured by fine weather, he anticipates no difficulty in carrying out his self-appointed task. When he has finished with the *Ertougroul*, he will proceed to the spot where the *Musashi* foundered, and then to the place where the *Yorinobu* was wrecked.—*Kobe Yushin Nippō*.

The essence of the clan system of China, says a writer in *The Times*, is the indisoluble tie between members of families, however distant and however much they hate each other, and the obligation to provide for pool relatives. It is this principle which seems to have attainted to some success, be it in trading, mining or anything else, swarms of poor relatives overwhelming him, and nine times out of ten drag him down. For, instead of paying them to go, he is tempted to use them in his work, for which they are unfitted. This is the fate which now threatens the Chinese navy, which is not looked upon as a service for the safety of the empire, but as a milch cow. There seems to be no help for it. Nobody in Peking knows anything whatever about ships of war, no more than a gang of navvies. Li Hung-chang has a wonderful mastery of the terminology of naval and military matters, but of real knowledge he has none. Admiral Ting knows something, but not much—so much, however, that his reports are read as a task, and forgotten because not understood. This was also the case with Captain Lang's. So the officers, who are many and incessant in their conspiracies, have everything their own way and their way will be the utter destruction of the fleet, which will scarcely live to be food for powder, unless the enemy appears early on the scene. Ships get on rocks, but the Chinese try to conceal mishaps, so they are kept at sea unprepared, to the destruction of the hull. Boilers are treated in the same way. For all useful purposes the Chinese navy may be treated as nonexistent.

The following items are from the London & China Express of 12th September:—  
Despite the present weakness in silver, the bimetalists are still in a most hopeful frame of mind, and Professor Moreton Frewen, who has been doing yeoman service for the cause of late, foresees free coinage of the metal in America, silver permanently at 50% per oz. in this country, and copper paper (4 per cent.) at 125. In this connection it is useful to look at the figures of recent silver imports into India. During the three months ended June 30 last, the imports reached a total of £3,114,344, against £2,616,335 in the corresponding period of 1889, and £2,725,859 in that of 1888. From the United Kingdom the imports were:—during these three months £2,131,178, against £1,957,493 in 1889 and £1,56,146 in 1888. It thus appears that although there was a substantial increase in the imports from this country during the three months ended June 30 last, the greater part of the total increase of imports came from other quarters. Most of this increase is shown under the head of imports from China, Australia, and Persia. Direct imports from Australia were £32,012, against £92,737 in 1889 and £17,065 in 1888, and from China £925,243, against £741,154 in 1889 and £32,428 in 1888. Still it is almost certain that India will find it difficult in getting a regular supply of silver in face of the large absorption of it by the United States under the Silver Act of this year. For the Far East generally, Straits, China, and Japan, we have only the figures of exports from this country, and these show some falling off from the figures of last year.

It has been wickedly said that one of the chief requirements in a bank manager is that his signature should be illegible; and old China hands will admit that, judged by this standard, Mr. Alabaster's qualification is beyond dispute. It will, however, strike them with an almost painful sense of incongruity to find a man more familiar probably than any other in China distorted into "Thomas" by the Queen's Printers! Surely it would be possible to provide the latter with a Foreign Office List for reference, if only to obviate the impression that where such blunders are tolerated, less obvious, may crop into the text of reports.

The Governor-General of French Indo-China has decided to send immediately the Arme (quarantine from Newaport) to Saigon, up the Mekong, beyond the Khon Rapids, to Loting Phu-bang, Linan Guises, will proceed up the river to map the hydrography, and also to organize a regular service of steamers for next year.

Prince Akishita Komatsu, General-in-Chief of the Japanese Imperial Household Troops, has been created a Military G.C.B. by Her Majesty the Queen.

The Gazette announces that the Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Manuel Rodriguez, Painter to the Queen, and to Hong Kong for Spain.

We have received the second number of a new weekly paper published in Amoy, the *Amoy Times* and *Mercurial Gazette*, from which we take the following extracts:—

Prospects for our coming races are not particularly bright. There is a great scarcity of good ponies in the North, and for anything with merit quite high prices must be paid. We shall, so far as can be seen at present, have to largely depend upon our old ponies, but we trust some good flesh may be found amongst the Griffins when they arrive, if only as an encouragement to our young sports.

Two of the wandering tribes called "beach-combers" are now on a visit to this port. One is a German, the other a Swiss. They managed to kill some of the Foochow community, but timely warning from that quarter reached us, so that they have met with a very cold reception here.

Much sickness is prevalent just now among the Chinese in Amoy, and trade is almost with them, at a standstill. In some of the houses, at least, a third of the employees are laid up with fever.

Mr. Maraki Riyo, a Tokyo photographer, has received instructions from the Imperial Household Department to execute a number of photos of Admiral Osman Pasha and his fellow unfortunate officers from the negatives of photos taken to the order of the deceased officers.

The Tigris states that \$6,000 have already been collected by the officials of the Nippon Yuzen Kaisha on behalf of the survivors of the Musashi-maru and Yorinobu-maru and the wives and families of those who were drowned. Mr. Kawata, President of the Nippon Ginko, is said to have subscribed \$900, and Mr. Iwasaki Yanozaku \$100.

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The Russian Government, fearing the judicial consequences of a progressive increase of Chinese colonisation in the frontier provinces of Usuri, and desirous of seeing Russian colonisation take root and develop in that region, contemplates shortly imposing a heavy special tax on Chinese and Koreans inhabiting the district, and making numerous free grants of land to Russian emigrants who may settle there.

The crew came ashore in Singapore last week in a body, and declined to go back. They assert that they have been aboard eleven months without a day's leave, and further they demand that their former mate be given charge of the vessel, instead of the man who was appointed captain.

The claim by the Shanghai Tug Boat Association against the underwriters of the *A. Poaching*, which vessel was lost on the Yangtze on May 20th last, has lately been settled by the payment of Tls. 750. The amount claimed was Tls. 2,000. The underwriters, it will be remembered, sent a representative in the *Liukang* to inspect the *Liukang*, by which it was brought to Shanghai as a derelict.—*N. C. Daily News*.

While the *Carmarthenshire* was steaming up to Nagasaki harbour on the first instant Robert Robson, general assistant in the engine room, fell from the mainmast, head downwards, across the engine room skylight, a distance of about 45 to 50 feet, breaking his neck, fracturing his skull, and receiving a terrible gash just under the jawbone. He died in a very short time.

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.**

The ninth ordinary general meeting of this company was held to-day. Hon. J. J. Keawick presided, and to convey the survivors of the *Ertougroul*, Turkey, will probably leave Japan about the 7th instant proceeding via Hongkong and the Suu Canal. They will probably stay 3 or 4 weeks in Constantinople. The Emperor had displayed great solicitude for the rescued men and a suitably presented a fawn garment to each to the wounded now in Hospital.

The French cruiser *Inconstant*, a vessel of 900 tons, arrived at Colombo on the 26th September from Aden. She is on her way to Canton, the men-of-war which are to escort her to China. The cruiser is commanded by Captain Fouqué de Jonquieres, and the crew consists of 120 men, including 7 officers. The engines are double-expansion, and the average speed is said to be 12 knots. She has four large guns and five small ones.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd Steam Navigation Company at Trieste has been transformed into an Austrian Company. A Hungarian subvention of four hundred thousand florins a year is to be given to the Adriatic Steamship Company, which is rather an English than a Hungarian undertaking. The Lloyd, now enjoying the Austrian subvention, is intended to promote the Eastern trade, while the Adriatic Company is to extend western traffic, to which end twenty new steamers are to be chartered or now built in England. If this plan, which finds favor with both the Pesth and Vienna Governments, can be realized, a trade between Austria and England and the English Channel will receive a great stimulus. Standard, September 6th.

The British ship *Honolulu*, Captain Leary, with 64,700 cases of kerosene from Philadelphia, arrived at Port of the 3rd instant. From the report furnished by her Captain it appears that although there was a substantial increase in the imports from this country during the three months ended June 30 last, the greater part of the total increase of imports came from other quarters. Most of this increase is shown under the head of imports from China, Australia, and Persia. Direct imports from Australia were £32,012, against £92,737 in 1889 and £17,065 in 1888. It thus appears that although there was a substantial increase in the imports from this country during the three months ended June 30 last, the greater part of the total increase of imports came from other quarters. Most of this increase is shown under the head of imports from China, Australia, and Persia. Direct imports from Australia were £32,012, against £92,737 in 1889 and £17,065 in 1888. 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MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES,  
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,  
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON:

ALSO,

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
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Contents and value of Packages are re-  
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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

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Hongkong, October 11, 1890. 1766

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Groun Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*; near the Kowloon shore *b*; and those in the body of the

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
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4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Poldar's Wharf.
6. From Poldar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
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